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Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.98

This is in response to the Official Communication dated February 4, 2003. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are resubmitted for the Examiner's consideration. These documents were previously cited on the information disclosure statement filed on April 4, 2002. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3), these references are now provided with a concise explanation of the relevance in English. The Examiner is requested to substitute DE 196 27 017 and DE 198 20 147, previously submitted, with US Patent 6,013,575 and GB 2,332,980 respectively.

Inclusion of these documents on any patent issuing from this divisional application is respectfully requested. Under rule 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a), the applicant submits that no specific comments are necessary for any of the cited English language publications.

Respectfully submitted

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